

EIMS & SIF News

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Special points of interest:

- A few divisions still need to send full data upload to EIMS.
- New EIMS contract commences July 1, 2006
- EOY data submission windows opens June 5th
- SIF Rollout Will Include CIMS and StarStudent
- Remember to delete EIMS accounts for users who leave your division for any reason.

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My thanks and appreciation go out to Amherst, Bortourt, Newport News and Fredericksburg who volunteered to participate in the

able in EIMS besides the SOL scores.

- 4 years VAAP (01-05)
- 1 year VGLA (04-05)

ments to EIMS will include two major releases and two minor releases (1st major, minor, 2nd major, minor). The thought being that minor

EIMS—June 16th Release

June 16th User Acceptance Testing.

Please be aware that EIMS will not be available June 16th from 5pm through midnight June 18, in other words it will be available first thing Monday morning, June 19th.

Although I am not going to repeat all of the improvements in this release, here are the specific additional assessments that will be avail-

- 1 year SPED (02-03)
- 5 years SUB (00-05)
- 2 years SELP (03-05)

These assessments will be routinely included as appropriate.

Just so you are aware... the release schedule of improve-



EIMS will be unavailable June 16 at 5:00pm and back online by mid-nite June 18th

releases would fulfill the role of making improvements to the features and functions delivered in the major

release based on input from you and others in the division. Do not hesitate to provide me feedback about what you like and do not like about the June 16th release.

EIMS Reports Training

There are significant changes and improvements to the EIMS Final and Preliminary SOL reports, as well as viewing alternate and substitute assessments. Although, the reports are more intuitive and simpler to use, it will require training, so that you get the most out of your data disaggregation experience.

Live Web-Ex training will take place on June 26th and 27th at 10:00. It will be limited to the first 60 divisions (30 each day) who sign up. Although we are limiting

each division who sign up one "seat" we suggest and encourage divisions to invite others in their division to join them, perhaps in a conference room with a PC projector. Contact kris.herakovich@pearson.com to register for a session. Please specify:

1. Division name
2. Your email address
3. Preferred session (26 or 27th)

For those divisions who do

not get into a live session—FEAR NOT—recorded Web-Ex training will be available to all divisions on July 5th, which can be played anytime, by anyone and as often as necessary.

In many ways the recorded sessions are better than the live sessions because it will incorporate the answers to questions from the live sessions and the trainers become more comfortable and familiar with presentation.

Important News for SIF Users

SIF needs to be considered when you rollover to the new year. Please see the two documents regarding New Year Rollover (NYR) under Resources (SIF New Year Rollover and Student Locator, and SIF New Year Rollover with the Edustructures SIF Agent for SASI) at:

<http://www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/Technology/EIMS/>

Read them completely before running the steps in the procedure.

Please note:

DO NOT INITIATE THE NEW YEARS ROLLOVER PROCEDURES UNTIL AFTER SASI AGENT 1.6 IS INSTALLED AT YOUR LOCATION.

The update will be installed remotely on your system in the next few days and you will be notified when it is completed.

If you have any questions please send them to me peter.coleman@doe.virginia.gov or



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SIF Rollout Status & Presentation Schedule

There are approximately 35 SASI divisions using SIF. If your division would like to be one please email me at:

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Divisions who are using SIF report that they really like it, since it eliminates the need to send up records to EIMS for STIs or periodically upload a

full data load to EIMS since it helps keep EIMS in sync with activity in the division.

I will be presenting SIF to Regional Directors of Technology in Essex County on June 9th and at the annual Transportation Conference in Roanoke on June 21.

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SIF Rollout to Include CIMS and StarStudent

In the upcoming contract the DOE plans to extend the SIF rollout program to CIMS and Star_Student users. So for any divisions who use these products they will have to complete a SIF survey to get on the implementation schedule. These SIS users will also enjoy SIF vertical SIF implementation benefits at no charge and no risk. The only requirement is for the divisions to provide a server to store the SIFWorks

application software, the SIS agent and the Student Locator/Resolver agents. The server specs are minimal—Pentium III, 1ghz; 1 GB RAM and 500 MB disk space running Windows 2003 Server.



CIMS and StarStudent Users plan to be included in SIF rollout in 2006-07.





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